A comparison of COVID-19 epidemiological indicators in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland

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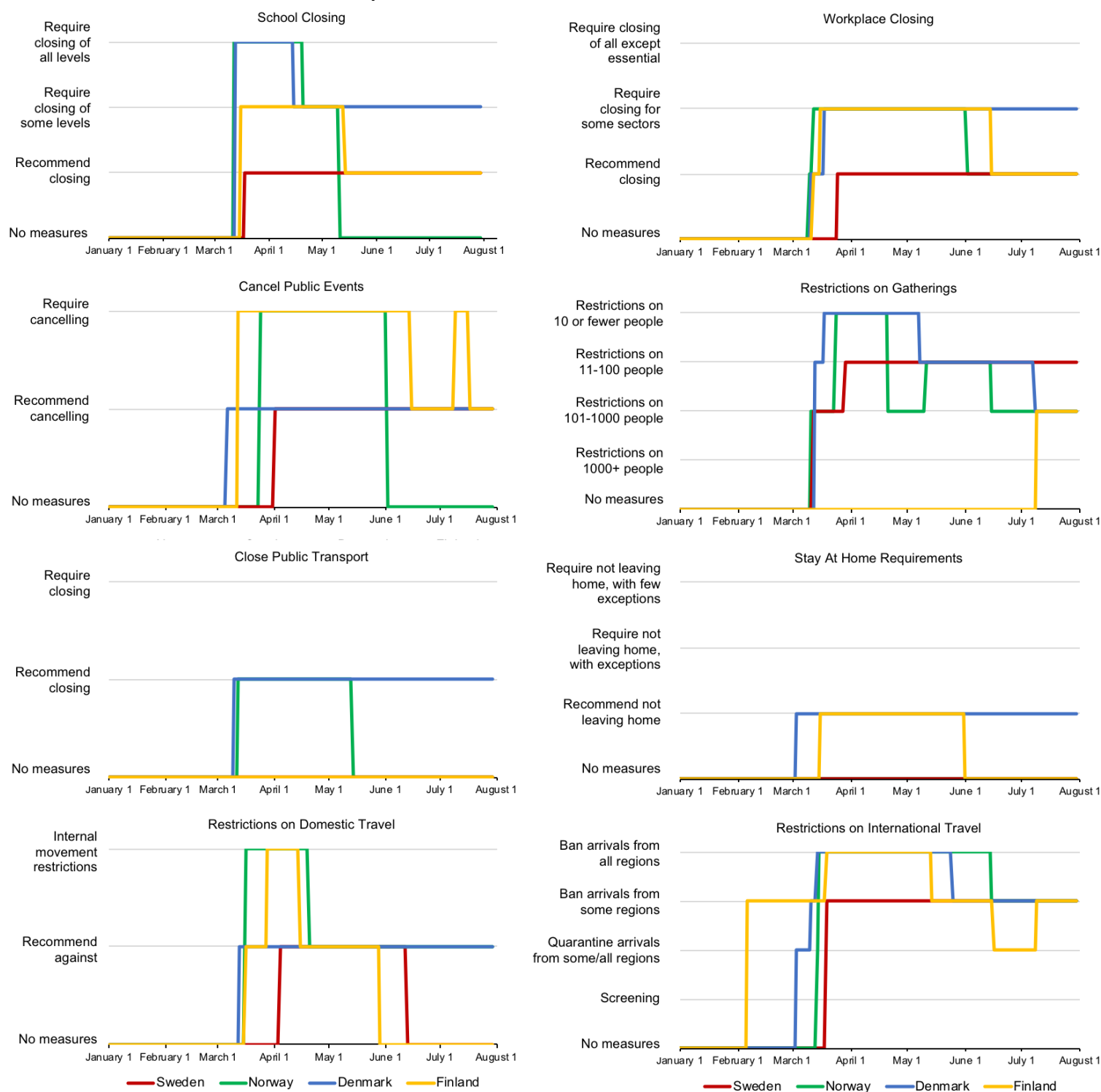SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Supplementary Table 1: Detailed Data References

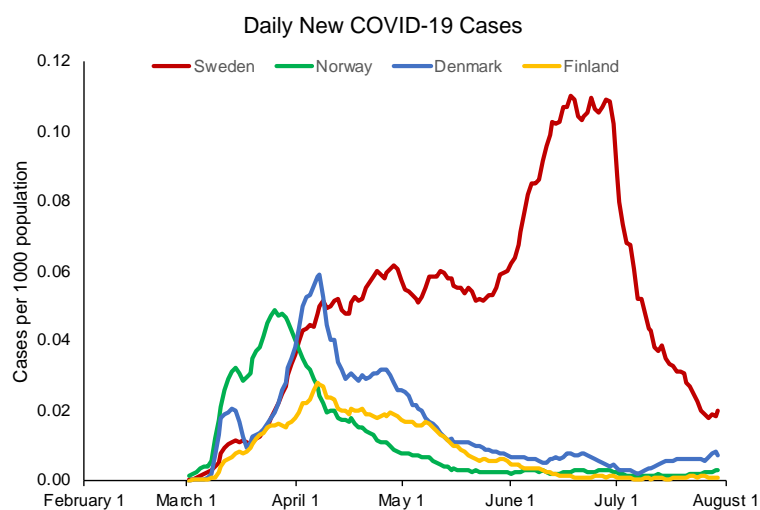| Data	Reference
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Supplementary Figure 1: Graphical representation of strictness of Nordic countries' eight containment and closure measures by date. Data is included until July 31 and is from the Oxford Coronavirus Government Response Tracker.
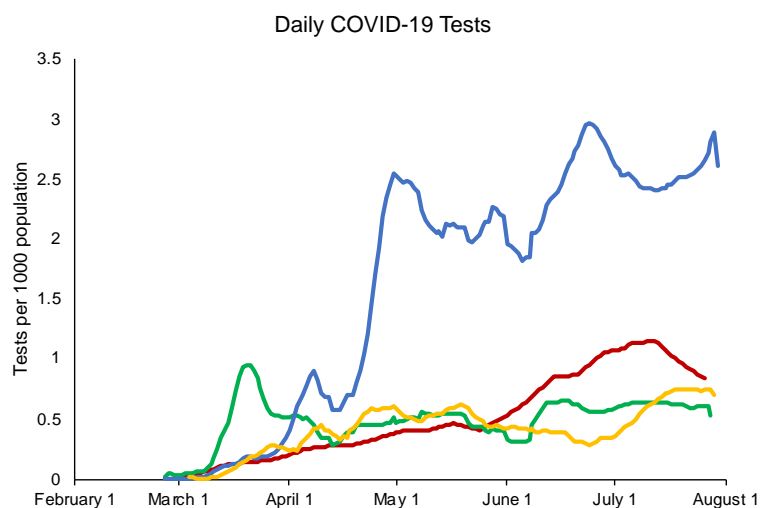
Supplementary Figure 2: A. Daily new COVID-19 cases per 1000 population. B. Daily COVID-19 tests per 1000 population. C. Daily share of COVID-19 tests that are positive. All lines represent a seven day moving average. Data is included until July 31.
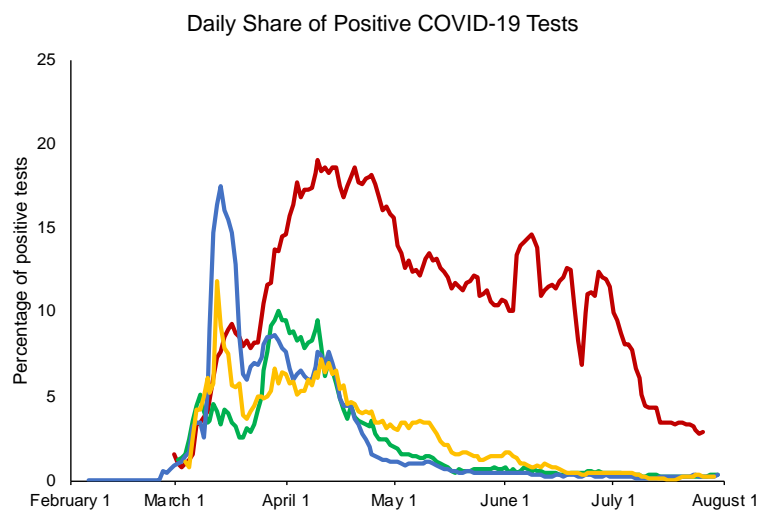
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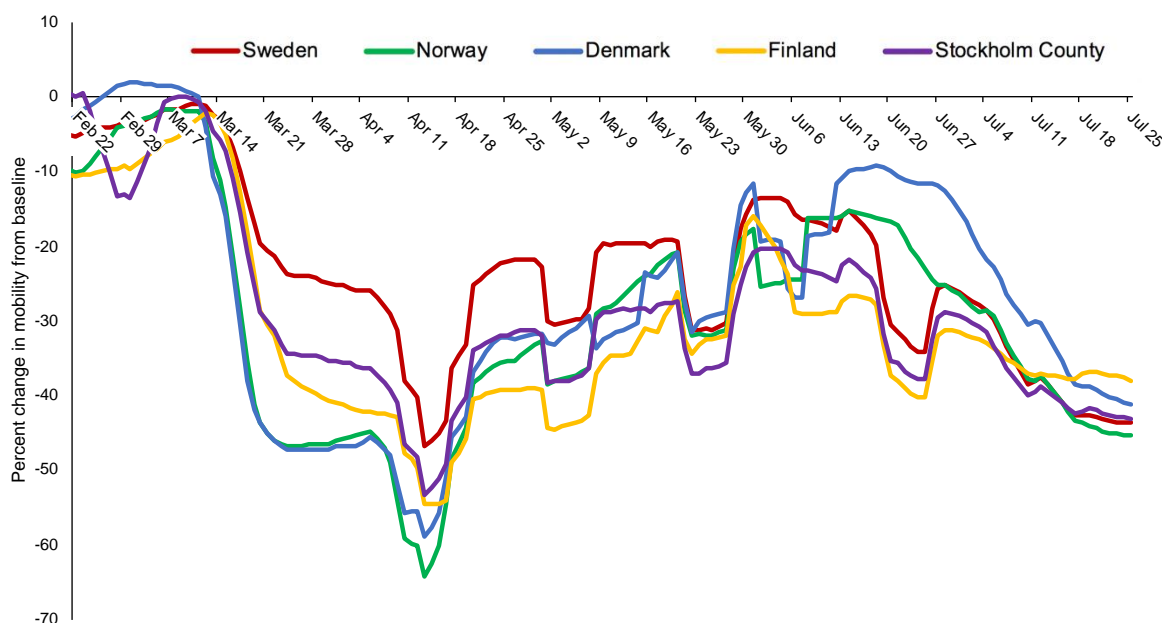Daily New COVID-19 Cases

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Daily COVID-19 Tests

C.

Daily Share of Positive COVID-19 Tests

Supplementary Figure 3: A. Workplace mobility, percent change from baseline. B. Transit stations mobility, percent change from baseline. C. Parks mobility, percent change from baseline. D. Grocery and pharmacy mobility, percent change from baseline. All lines represent a seven day moving average. Baseline values are region-specific and are established using a median of the corresponding day of the week from the period between January 3 to February 6, 2020. Note: Public holidays occurred for all four countries on April 10, April 13, and May 21; on May 1 for Norway/Sweden/Finland; on June 19 for Sweden/Finland; on April 9 and June 1 for Norway/Denmark; and May 8, May 22, and June 5 for Denmark. Data is included until July 31 and is from the Google Community Mobility Report.
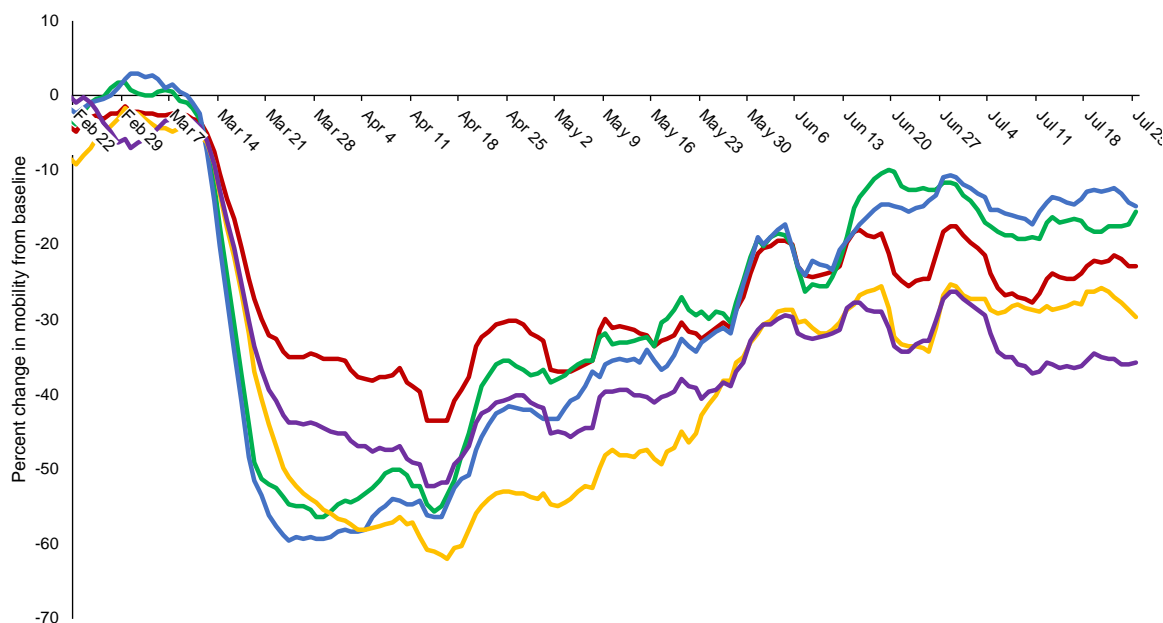
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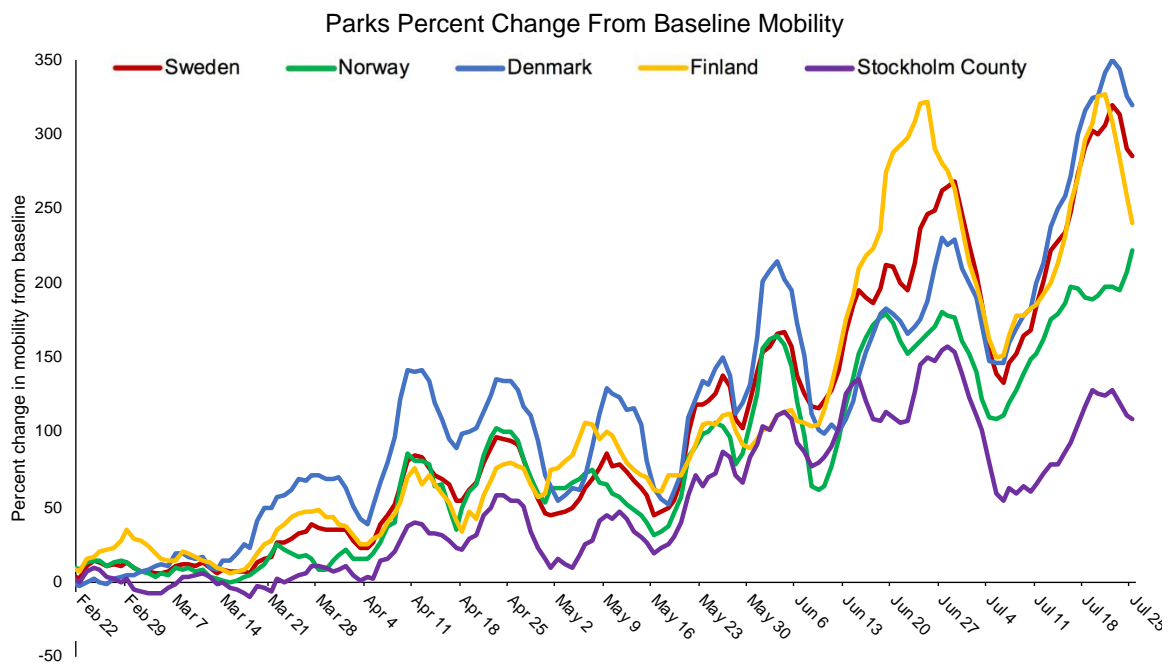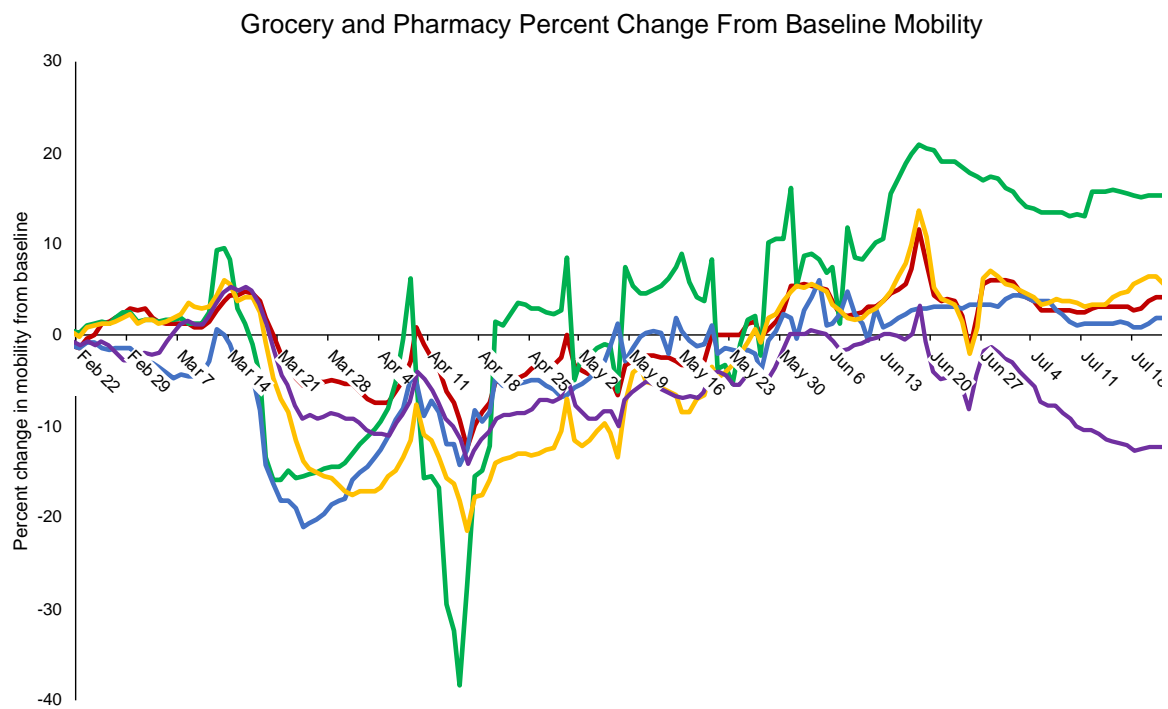
Parks Percent Change From Baseline Mobility

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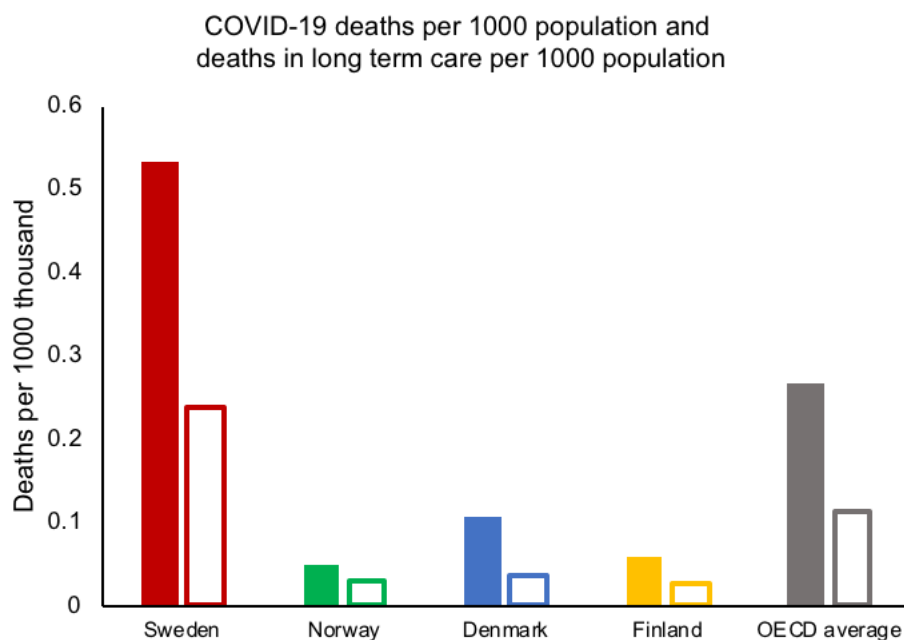
Grocery and Pharmacy Percent Change From Baseline Mobility

Supplementary Figure 4: Cumulative COVID-19 deaths per 1000 population and cumulative deaths in long term care per 1000 population in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland compared to OECD average. Data from Nordic countries is from the week of July 15; OECD average data is from a report from the Canadian Institute for Health Information published on May 25. Solid bars represent deaths per 1000 population, and open bars represent deaths in long term care per 1000 population.

Supplementary Figure 5: Population, population density, urbanization, population in capital city, and population density in capital city of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland.

	Sweden	**Norway**	**Denmark**	**Finland**
Population (2020)	10,345,449	5,367,580	5,824,857	5,528,737
Population density (people/km^2)	25.4	14.7	138.7	18.2
Urbanization (%)	87.1	82.6	88.0	85.5
Population in capital city (%)	9%	13%	11%	12%
Population density in capital city (people/km^2)	5189	5244	7165	3059